United States Embassy, Dhaka, Bangladesh Message for U.S. Citizens

Reminder on Tax Filing

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All U.S. citizens and resident aliens must file a U.S. individual income tax return, even if they permanently live outside the United States and may not owe any tax because of income exclusion or tax credit.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has posted guidance under <u>Federal Benefits and Obligations</u> on <u>travel.state.gov</u>. Contact information for the International Taxpayer Service Call Center is provided below. U.S. embassies and consulates cannot mail tax returns on behalf of U.S. taxpayers living abroad through the diplomatic pouch or other Department facilities unless they meet the <u>eligibility requirements</u>.

You can mail your tax return and payment using the postal service or approved private delivery services. Information about <u>approved delivery services</u> and <u>online payment options</u> is available on IRS.gov. If you mail a return from outside the United States, the date of filing is the postmark date. However, if you mail a payment, separately or with your return, your payment is not considered received until the date of actual receipt.

You can prepare and e-file your income tax return, in many cases for free. Participating software companies make their products available through the IRS. <u>E-File options</u> are listed on IRS.gov.

Forms that might be useful are as follows:

- 1040, U.S Individual Income Tax Return
- Instructions to Form 1040
- 1116, Foreign Tax Credit
- 2015 Instructions to Form 1116
- 2350, Application for Extension of Time to File U.S. Income Tax Return (for U.S. citizens and residents abroad)
- 2555, Foreign Earned Income Exclusion
- Instructions to Form 2555
- <u>2555-EZ, Foreign Earned Income Exclusion</u>
- Instructions to Form 2555-EZ
- 4868, Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return
- 8802, Application for United States Residency Certificate
- Instructions to Form 8802
- 8938, Statement of Specified Foreign Financial Assets,
- Instructions to Form 8938
- 14653, Certification by U.S. Person Residing Outside of the United States for Streamlined Foreign Offshore Procedures

For additional information, you may contact the <u>International Taxpayer Service Call Center</u> by phone or fax. The International Call Center is open Monday through Friday, from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).

Tel: 1-267-941-1000 (not toll-free)

Fax: 1-267-941-1055

Individual taxpayers located outside the United States also may contact the IRS by mail: Internal Revenue Service International Accounts Philadelphia, PA 19255-0725

Business taxpayers located outside the United States also may contact the IRS by mail: Internal Revenue Service International Accounts
Ogden, UT 84201-0038

For general information about international taxpayers, see the IRS website on international taxpayers, or Publication 54, "Taxation of U.S. Citizens and Residents Abroad." For information on the Affordable Care Act and taxpayers outside the United States, see Publication 5187, "Health Care Law." If you have not filed all the returns required of you and want to catch up on your filing obligations, there are Return and Resolve Tax Disputes. If you receive a notice from the IRS and need to contact the IRS, call the number listed on the notice or the International Taxpayer Service Call Center.

The U.S. Embassy, Dhaka is located at Madani Avenue, Baridhara, Dhaka, Bangladesh 1212 and is open Sunday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (88) (02) 5566-2000. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, the emergency number for the U.S. Embassy, Dhaka is (88) (02) 5566-2000 and press "0" and ask for the duty officer.

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